LIBRARIES IN MATTANCHERI—GRANTS FOR

390. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of libraries to which grants from public funds are made in Mattancheri constituency ;

(*b*) whether the Hon'ble Minister has visited any library in the town of Mattancheri ;

(*c*) if so, which are the ones he has thus visited ;

(*d*) did the Municipal Council of Mattancheri resolve to give any financial aid by way of donation or grant to any library in Mattancheri ;

(*e*) if so, what is the amount that the Council decided to give and to which library did they want to give;

(*f*) has a grant or donation been made to the library;

(*g*) if not, why not ;

(*h*) has any Municipality within the last 5 years made any grant or donation to any library ;

(*i*) if so, which is the Municipality that has done so, and what is the amount ;

(*j*) is the Government aware that the Iqbal Library in Mattancheri runs a reading room with dailies and periodicals open to the public at large?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) One.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The library run by the public.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The Council resolved to contribute a sum of Rs. 150 to the Iqbal Public Library and Reading Room.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) Because Government ordered that the request of the Council cannot be sanctioned as there was no specific provision in the current year's budget.

(*h*) Yes.

(*i*) *Ernakulam*—Rs. 200 (annual grant to the Public Library and Reading Room).

Trichur—(1) Rs. 5 (monthly grant to the Radhakrishna Library and Reading Room conducted by the Y. M.

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A.) (2) Rs. 200 (annual grant of Rs. 200 to the Trichur Public Library and Reading Room) (3) Rs. 15 (annual grant to the Central Jail Library).

(*j*) Yes.

Mr. President: Is it not a fact that Government have since ordered the Municipality to include it in the next year's budget? If you give the full information that will save a lot of supplementary questions.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the grant has been paid since?

Mr. President: The Municipality has permission to include it in the next year's budget.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know why a supplementary grant could not have been suggested to the Municipality? They have got money. What was the objection to ask them to have a supplementary grant?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Whenever there is surplus any number of proposals will be coming and when there is any urgent necessity there will not be enough money.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What was the difficulty to ask the Municipality to ask for a supplementary grant and sanction it?

Mr. President: Sanction for supplementary grants does not depend upon the surplus available, but on the nature of the request. If the request is of such a nature that it could not have been foreseen at the time of the budget and it is so urgent that it cannot wait till the next budget, then Government will sanction it. This will apply not only to Municipalities but to all other departments of Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* This request came from the Municipality after the budget. What was the difficulty to ask them to apply for a grant?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It can only be done in emergent cases. Government thought that this could wait till next year.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I know whether the administration of public libraries in Municipalities is with the Minister?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Why cannot a grant be given this year itself? The library has no money. They are running

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into debt. The Municipality has got money and the Council has sanctioned it. Will the Government be pleased to consider it and sanction it this year itself?

Mr. President: The hon'ble member did not understand what I said. Government are not prepared to grant supplementary allotments for Municipalities unless the Municipalities are in a position to prove in the standard form that is prescribed that it is of such an urgent nature that it should be met by a supplementary grant.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether in the case of other libraries they were included in the budget previously?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* They were included.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* Are the Government prepared to give the grant next year?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* If it is included in the budget, in the natural course it will be sanctioned.

Mr. President: It is with very great difficulty and with strenuous attempts for the last 3 years that I was able to restrict this grant of supplementary demand. The hon'ble members can see from the supplementary grants applied for during these 8 months that we have granted only less than 30,000 rupees; in previous years it used to be 2 or 3 lakhs. We are insisting upon the same rigid practice in the case of Municipalities also. I think it is a healthy practice for all concerned.

DEPRESSED CLASS COLONIES—ASSIGNMENT OF SITES TO LOCAL RESIDENTS

391. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ: താഴെ എഴുതുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും സദയം മറുപടി നൽകുമോ.—

സംരക്ഷണ വകുപ്പിലെ ആനവൽ റിപ്പോർട്ടുകളിൽ പറയപ്പെടുന്ന കോളനി സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ താമസക്കാരായ സ്ഥലനിവാസികൾക്ക് അളന്നു തിരിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ജെ. ജോർജ്ജ്: കോളനി സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ അധ്യക്ഷതക്ക് അളന്നു തിരിച്ചു കൊടുത്തുവരുന്നുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ: എത്ര സെൻറുവീതമാണ് ആളൊന്നുക്ക് കൊടുക്കുന്നത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ജെ. ജോർജ്ജ്: ചിലസ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ ഏഠ സെൻറ വീതമാണ്.

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